

NAYS—189

Adams	Gabbard	Norcross
Aguilar	Gallego	O'Halleran
Barragán	Garamendi	O'Rourke
Bass	Gonzalez (TX)	Pallone
Beatty	Gottheimer	Panetta
Bera	Green, Al	Pascarella
Beyer	Green, Gene	Payne
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Gutiérrez	Perlmutter
Blunt Rochester	Hanabusa	Peters
Bonamici	Hastings	Pingree
Boyle, Brendan	Heck	Pocan
F.	Higgins (NY)	Polis
Brady (PA)	Himes	Price (NC)
Brown (MD)	Hoyer	Quigley
Brownley (CA)	Huffman	Raskin
Bustos	Jackson Lee	Rice (NY)
Butterfield	Jayapal	Richmond
Capuano	Jeffries	Ros-Lehtinen
Carbajal	Johnson (GA)	Rosen
Cárdenas	Johnson, E. B.	Roybal-Allard
Carson (IN)	Kaptur	Ruiz
Cartwright	Keating	Ruppersberger
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Rush
Castro (TX)	Kennedy	Ryan (OH)
Chu, Judy	Khanna	Sánchez
Cicilline	Kihuen	Sarbanes
Clark (MA)	Kildee	Schakowsky
Clarke (NY)	Kilmer	Schiff
Clay	Kind	Schneider
Cleaver	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kuster (NH)	Scott, David
Cohen	Langevin	Serrano
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Sewell (AL)
Conyers	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Correa	Lawrence	Sherman
Costa	Lawson (FL)	Sinema
Courtney	Lee	Sires
Crist	Levin	Slaughter
Crowley	Lieu, Ted	Smith (WA)
Cuellar	Loebsock	Soto
Cummings	Lofgren	Speier
Davis (CA)	Lowenthal	Suozi
Davis, Danny	Lowe	Swalwell (CA)
DeFazio	Lujan Grisham,	Takano
DeGette	M.	Takano
Delaney	Luján, Ben Ray	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Lynch	Thompson (MS)
DelBene	Maloney,	Titus
Demings	Carolyn B.	Tonko
DeSaulnier	Maloney, Sean	Torres
Deutch	Matsui	Tsongas
Dingell	McCollum	Vargas
Doggett	McEachin	Veasey
Doyle, Michael	McGovern	Vela
F.	McNerney	Velázquez
Ellison	Meeks	Viscosky
Engel	Meng	Walz
Eshoo	Moore	Wasserman
Espallat	Moulton	Schultz
Esty	Murphy (FL)	Waters, Maxine
Evans	Nadler	Watson Coleman
Foster	Napolitano	Welch
Frankel (FL)	Neal	Wilson (FL)
Fudge	Nolan	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—6

Carter (GA)	Mulvaney	Stewart
Lewis (GA)	Palazzo	Zinke

□ 1710

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, I was absent due to personal reasons and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 93 on Ordering the Previous Question, "aye"; Rollcall No. 94 Adoption of the Combined Rule of H.J. Res. 43 and H.J. Res. 69, "aye"; Rollcall No. 95 passage of H.J. Res. 67, "aye"; Rollcall No. 96 passage of H.J. Res. 66, "aye"; and Rollcall No. 97 passage of H.J. Res. 42, "aye".

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 15, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 15, 2017, at 3:59 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 40.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO
THE HOUSE COMMISSION ON
CONGRESSIONAL MAILING
STANDARDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards:

Mrs. DAVIS, California
Mr. SHERMAN, California
Mr. McEACHIN, Virginia

□ 1715

EYES IN THE SKY: FLIGHT AT-
TENDANT SAVES VICTIM OF
TRAFFICKING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on a recent flight, flight attendant Shelia Fedrick of Alaska Airlines noticed a young girl, 14 or 15 years old, with blonde hair. Shelia approached two individuals, but the young girl refused to speak or make contact with her. The man next to the girl was defensive as she tried to make conversation.

Something was just not right. Shelia quickly devised a plan. She convinced the girl to go to the bathroom where Shelia had left a note stuck to the mirror. The girl wrote back on the note, and she needed help.

The flight crew quickly alerted the police on the ground. Shelia Fedrick ended up saving a victim of human trafficking.

Traffickers often ship their victims across the country like baggage. The Department of Homeland Security and flight attendants are working together through training to spot warning signs of modern-day slavery.

Thanks to Shelia Fedrick and other flight attendants for their work in rescuing victims of trafficking. We must continue to stop traffickers in their tracks.

And that is just the way it is.

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on an issue that is of critical importance to every person in this room, every father, mother, every family in our Nation. That issue is our national security.

While the resignation of General Flynn was appropriate, it has led to more questions than answers. One of the most important, who directed General Flynn to do what he did?

In my 27 years as a law enforcement officer, I have conducted both internal and criminal investigations at the highest level of law enforcement. I understand the importance of seeking the truth through such investigations.

In a time of confusion and uncertainty, the American people deserve answers and transparency. That can only come through a thorough, bipartisan, independent investigation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues to join me in calling for a thorough investigation. I know they understand the gravity of this issue and believe it is our duty to work together to keep our Nation safe.

OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, California has been blessed with a lot of rain this year, a lot of snowfall in order to alleviate a drought. It has gone a little extreme here, but we are still thankful for the water.

I would like to report that Lake Oroville is stable right now with the dam, and the spillway situation is such that they are working very hard to make sure that that will be something, if we get continued rainfall, we will be able to handle the new load.

I also want to commend and thank President Trump for his very rapid reaction to our request for emergency help from the Federal Government on Oroville Dam. His team responded very quickly to our ask, and he understands and is working for infrastructure needs and repairs across this whole country.

He also understands that it isn't just about building new things, but it is going back and repairing our aging infrastructure, whether that is our highways, our bridges, or what needs to be done, like on Oroville Dam spillway. So I appreciate that.

Again, my full thanks to President Trump's staff, as well as the President himself, on his speedy response to our need.

HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND
THE RULE OF LAW IN CAMBODIA

(Mr. LOWENTHAL asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, last week, Congressman STEVE CHABOT and I, as the co-chairs of the Cambodia Caucus, called upon Secretary Tillerson and the administration to prioritize human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia.

Just days later, Sam Rainsy, the leader of the opposition party in Cambodia, resigned in the face of a proposed bill that would dissolve the opposition party if he continued to lead the party.

This law on political parties would give the government far-reaching powers to suspend political parties at will. I urge the Cambodian National Assembly to set aside this undemocratic law that dangerously moves Cambodia toward being a one-party state, and to allow the Cambodian people to freely choose their own leaders.

ONLY CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO DECLARE WAR

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I have just seen a news report that the President may invade Syria with ground troops.

Now, I criticized former President Obama for his actions in Libya, Iraq, and Syria, without seeking authorization from Congress, and leaning on the weak need that these were somehow authorized back in the AUMF after 9/11. This is far beyond the scope of that resolution, which I helped write, so to have a ground invasion of Syria, without authorization from Congress, will trigger the War Powers Act.

Let's be clear: The Constitution says, once we are at war, the President runs the war as Commander in Chief. But it is only the United States Congress that has the power to declare war, authorize war, which this essentially would be.

So the President must come to the Congress and ask for a new Authorization for Use of Military Force before launching any ground invasion of Syria.

SEATTLE'S DIVESTMENT FROM WELLS FARGO

(Ms. JAYAPAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my hometown, the city of Seattle, on its historic decision to terminate its \$3 billion relationship with Wells Fargo Bank over its financing and support of the Dakota Access pipeline.

Last week, the Seattle City Council voted unanimously to divest from Wells Fargo, making it the first major city to do so.

Led by Native American and environmental activists, our city made an im-

portant statement about the vision that we have for our community and for our world. That vision centralizes both the rights of our native brothers and sisters, and our environment.

Just like it did with the \$15 minimum wage, Seattle continues to be a leader and a model for the rest of the country, and activists and cities around the United States have picked up the torch.

We stand united in prioritizing our environment, as it is deeply connected to the health of our communities. Rather than allowing dangerous pipeline projects to continue, putting millions of people at risk, we should be focused on being leaders in the international fight against climate change.

I am committed, Mr. Speaker, to taking every opportunity to protect our resources and fight for a bold alternative energy plan that includes a just transition that creates great union jobs and puts us on a sustainable path forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN MERCER LANGSTON

(Mr. MCEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable John Mercer Langston, who served in the 51st Congress as the first African-American Congressman from Virginia and, incidentally, represented the same district that I do, Virginia's Fourth.

Representative Langston became the fifth African-American man to graduate from the Oberlin Collegiate Department, and continued his education at Oberlin to receive a master's degree in theology.

Although he was deprived of admission to law school, Mr. Langston studied law under Philemon Bliss and passed the bar in 1844 to become Ohio's first African-American lawyer.

Mr. Langston's passion to uplift the Black community was demonstrated through the organization of State and local antislavery societies, his efforts to assist runaway slaves, and through calls for social reform.

Among his many other life accomplishments, Langston also served as the president of what is now known as Virginia State University.

I have great respect and appreciation for Mr. Langston and the life he led. Not only will his legacy live on through his descendants, but through myself and all of us who occupy this great hall who fight for the spirit of equality and justice.

RUSSIAN INFILTRATION

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is literally every day now that something new and even

more shocking comes out about the Trump administration and its connections with the Russian Government. Just last night, it was reported that, according to American intelligence officials, at least four members of the Trump campaign, senior members, were in constant contact with Russian intelligence officials for a year.

Mr. Speaker, this is not so much about Republican or Democrat as it is about democracy, our democracy. I want to thank those few Republicans in the Senate who have had the courage to put country before party and come forward and demand an independent, bipartisan investigation. Sadly, that has been met with silence on the Republican side of the aisle in this House.

We must have a 9/11-like commission to investigate to what extent Russian intelligence infiltrated our election.

MUSLIM AND REFUGEE BAN

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to read a letter from a Syrian refugee to the interfaith coalition sponsoring his family, which settled in Bloomfield, New Jersey, last month.

Muhammad is a father of four. His family was one of the last to arrive prior to the signing of President Trump's ban.

Muhammad wrote:

I feel ashamed when I repeat the words: Thank you.

I feel it's very few and very weak in front of your interest and your generosity.

The first thing I want to learn in the English language is how I can thank you more and more.

America is beautiful because you live in it.

These are the kind of families the Trump administration wants to turn away. They are the oppressed and the persecuted, the kind of people this country was founded for.

I understand the need to vet people coming to our country, and the importance of protecting our Nation's security. No one questions that at all.

But we cannot close our country to refugees like Muhammad and his family. We cannot sacrifice what it means to be American.

Muhammad is right, America is beautiful, and we can keep it that way by remaining a beacon of freedom and hope.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BERGMAN). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: